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Hongkong, May 20, 1880.

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Hongkong, April 28, 1880.

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NOTICE.

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No. 5279.—JUNE 11, 1880.

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Hongkong, May 31, 1880. jo12

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SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....\$1,263,268

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-  
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April, 1880.

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Hongkong, May 31, 1880. jo12

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India, from London, in connection  
with the above Steamer, are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being  
landed and stored at their risk at the Com-  
pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be  
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, un-  
less intimation is received from the Con-  
signees, before 4 o'clock p.m. To-day,  
requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY,  
the 12th Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, June 6, 1880. jo14

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Hongkong, June 6, 1880. jo12

RATES OF PASSAGE.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

## THE TRICENTENARY OF CAMOENS.

The Club Lusitano was a scene of pleasure last night on the occasion of the celebration of the tricentenary of the Portuguese grand epic poet, Luis de Camões. Over two hundred of the members of the Club and their friends assembled, including some sixty Indians.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Pope Hennessy, was present, attended by Extra Aide-de-camp Capt. J. J. Francis, Hongkong Artillery; Volunteer; the Excellency Rear-Admiral A. S. da Mota, Brazilian Minister to China, Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney General; Hon. W. Kosswig, M.L.C., Consul for Hawaii; Hon. P. Ryrie, M.L.C., Hon. Ng Cheoy, M.L.C., Dr Ayres, Colonial Surgeon, and Mrs Ayres, Mr Loureiro, Portuguese Consul, and Mrs Loureiro, Mr Loureiro, Brazilian Consul Col. Mosby, United States Consul, Dr Vaudier Horrocks, Dr Eastlake, Dr Gomes, Dr Marques, Mr J. A. Barreto, Mr Bellis, Mr Judah, Mr J. A. de Carvalho, Mr Noronha, Mr Mendes, Mr and Mrs A. F. Alves, Mr R. C. Wilcox, and Mr G. Cox, of the Daily Press, Mr Geo. Murray Bain, and Mr Robt. Smith of the China Mail. A number of the officers of the *Vila d'Oliveira* were present, and a gathering of the Portuguese community. The programme was a long and interesting one, and every item was presented to the audience with an artistic skill and beauty one could not fairly hope to excel. The programme opened with an overture by the band of the Brazilian corvette above named, after which an introductory discourse by Mr. P. A. da Costa was given. The dedication of a bust of Camões to the Club by Dr Pereira Marques followed. In the dedication of the bust, Dr Marques delivered in Portuguese a speech dealing with the genius of the great poet, and the President of the Club said a few words in reply. Then a dozen or so of sweet little girls piled bouquets of flowers around the pedestal on which the bust stood and raised showers of flowers over the counterfeit presentation of him for whose memory the community had gathered together to show their veneration. Mr. P. A. da Costa then gave readings from foreign works with reference to Camões, with a discourse about the necessity of studying the mother tongue. An overture, "Egmont," (Beethoven) piano, eight hands, executed by Miss Maria Augusta do Rosario and Messrs C. Danenberg, R. S. Pinto, and A. A. Cordeiro. A recitation, Episode "Adamastor" by Mr. J. M. S. Alves was the next item on the programme, and then a song, "Luiz de Camões," Palmeira, music by Frondoni, given by Messrs R. S. Pinto and H. do Rosario, brought the first part of the programme to a close. Dr Pereira Marques gave the next lecture on "Camões as a patriot, and the causes that influenced the development of his poetical genius." No. 9 on the programme was a highly artistic and enjoyable performance—a galop Capricho, E. Fumagalli, piano, eight hands, executed by Misses Maria F. dos Remedios, Odilia M. da Costa, Hortensia L. dos Remedios, and Maria Pia Fidelis da Costa. There came what was beyond doubt the gem of the evening, a recitation "Episodio de D. Iñigo de Castro," by Miss Maria Antonia Marques. The distinctness, dramatic propriety and artistic beauty with which this stirring piece was given by the young lady above named were beyond praise, and the applause was so enthusiastic that she was prevailed upon to recite a second time the last two verses of her selection. A variety of airs (de Beriot) on the violin by Mr. R. S. Pinto, already mentioned, was the next treat, after which a discourse, tending to prolixity and inclined to be too long considering the deliberate manner of the speaker, was given by Mr. J. M. V. de Figueiredo. At this point of the programme, His Excellency was called upon to make a few remarks which occupied only two or three minutes—

His Excellency apologised for not speaking in the classic language of Camões, but when he spoke in the language of a nation long friendly to Portugal, and he spoke the language of a Government that had for the Portuguese in this Colony a sincere good feeling. To-night, in Portugal, in Brazil, along the shores of Africa and in India, the Portuguese had met to celebrate the Tricentenary of Camões. They had here one advantage of those who in Portugal and elsewhere celebrated to-night the Tricentenary of Camões, for to-night, they breathed the atmosphere that he breathed three hundred years ago when he wrote the *Lusiads* and had amongst the ruins associated with his name an advantage that neither Lisbon nor any other place had to-night. It had been his (the Governor's) good fortune during the last three years to have frequently met the community of Hongkong, but this was the first occasion on which they had ever met them in a literary festival. His Excellency referred to the success and pleasure of the meeting and to the choice and chaste recitation of the young lady on his right (Miss Marques). He thanked them in his own name as the Governor of the Colony, and in the name of the members of his Council whom he had around him, for the entertainment they had given them.

Mr. J. A. dos Remedios, said in reply that in the name of the Portuguese community he thanked His Excellency for the honour of his presence on this occasion and for his kind expressions towards them. They were proud of having amongst them that night an illustrious guest. The object of this social gathering to do honour to the greatest of Portuguese poets was to impress on the Portuguese people here the love for their country and induce the Portuguese youths to cultivate their minds by the study of their national history, where they would find recorded many chivalrous acts of their ancestors all over the world, for the progress of civilisation and science. (Applause).—Mr. dos Remedios then called for three cheers for H. E. the Governor, which were heartily given.

Another overture, "Ray Blas," (Mendelsohn) piano, eight hands, by the young

lady and the three gentlemen mentioned in item No. 5 of the programme, was then given. After which the entertainment which raised so much excitement little was brought to a close by the recitation of a short poem, "To Camões," the still lurking in the memory of most of the people in Hongkong; several of them author, A. A. Soares de Passos, the rector Mr. L. de Lemos Barreto. This was one of the most successful items on the evening's bill, Mr. Barreto being possessed of an admirable style and splendid voice. The floor was then cleared and dancing was commenced, H. E. the Governor presiding over the first quadrille with Miss Marques. The tipping was kept up till after 4 a.m., an hour's interval for supper being allowed some time after midnight. The whole evening's amusement went smoothly and happily, and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, guests and hosts alike. During the evening a letter in Spanish from "An Admirer" was circulated, dilating on the genius of the poet whose memory the meeting was held to commemorate, as also the following poetical effusion from Sr. Jose Maria d'Olivera Lima:—

## MACAO ESPORA DE CAMOENS.

A quem da arida China e paga feio  
A quem doce juve; donde pôs o velo  
Ser sou siso nos m'plos embujo!  
Iqual so dyro rs, fico fado;  
Como q'nto su'na o orbo e cheio?  
E porque fui de s'nto materno seio  
F'ca a f'mida doa na terra brado.  
Tal f'mida a que lhe p'ca o Cauç'es  
Quando solitaria ostrola as vias prende  
Um vasto C'v' em noite obscura e mesta  
Quando sonr'm mendaza arguço;  
A sua historia, co'do se defende  
Mostrando a joia que lhe faz testa.

The Committee consisted of Messrs J. A. dos Remedios (President), J. L. da S. Alves, J. M. S. Alves, L. F. de Carvalho, M. A. de Carvalho, P. A. da Costa, C. Danenberg, J. M. dos Reinos, M. C. do Rosario, and J. P. da Costa, Secretary.

The following telegrams have been placed at our disposal:—

(Telegram)  
Hongkong, 9th June, 4 p.m.  
To the Tricentenary Committee, Lisbon.  
The Hongkong Committee congratulates you.

(Answer)  
Lisbon, 10th June, 4.15.  
The Lisbon Committee send a fraternal embrace for the unanimity to the glorification of Camões, the symbol of the Portuguese nation.

## DARING PIRATICAL PLOT ON THE BRITISH STEAMER "BOWEN."

What there is every reason to believe would have been, had it come to fruition, one of the most terrible tragedies of modern times has, if one may ever believe circumstantial evidence, just been prevented by the sheerest luck on board a steamer trading to this port. The steamer *Bowen*, which arrived today, makes a report which takes one's breath away and gives everyone connected with shipping trade in the East a solemn warning as to how Chinese passengers, who have been well described as a volcano which may break out at any moment, are to be regarded. This steamer took on board at Singapore some 43 passengers. There were on board before that 313 Chinese passengers coming from Australia to this port. There had been a rumour here of some attempt being premeditated to attack this particular steamer, and the Chinese Agent of the Company whose duty it is to interest himself in all Chinese rumours floating about concerning the Company, informed the head of the firm of agents. A telegram was despatched to Singapore, intended to convey to the Captain of the *Bowen* a warning, requesting him to be careful as to what class of Chinese he took on board there; but that telegram seems to have missed its mark in some way or other and was meaningless or uninelligible, or was not regarded as seriously by the Captain. No precautions therefore were taken to test who or what the Chinese passengers were who came on board at Singapore. Some 43 or we have said took passage. The *Bowen* from this point can best tell her own story. This is the official report which we received this morning and published in our mid-day extra:—

On the 8th inst., at 1.30 p.m., late 18.09 N., long. 111.20 E., Ching Siu, the Chinese Interpreter, reported the Singapore passengers (42 in number) were pirates and intended setting fire to and plundering the ship, as they had been or were talking to that effect. An examination was then made below, but the Singapore passengers were so scattered among the 313 Australian Chinese passengers that they could not be readily identified. The Interpreter was then ordered to pick them out and muster them and their effects on the Pooh House. He and their effects on the Pooh House, a blunt breaking tool and a box, for all of which no owners could be found. On opening the box it was found to contain 25 packages of powder, about 1 lb. weight each, all with fuse attached. As the master then said, many others had not been kept in doors by the wet weather. These shrubs appear to have benefited in no small degree by the protection given by the young fire, and thereby enabled to become more vigorous. This fact and another, which we believe is very noticeable in connection with the flora of this Island—that certain shrubs and trees shewing no signs of flowering for several seasons, will, after a long interval, burst forth into full bloom—will perhaps account for the splendid show made by a shrub called *Rhodomyrtus tomentosa*, displaying a pink or rose coloured flower. This plant, a native of the Neilliger Hills and China, is the common hill gooseberry of India.

The Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Human Society was held in the Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, this evening, the Hon. P. Ryrie in the chair. The Hon. Secretary Mr. P. H. Emanuel read the minutes of the last meeting and a detailed account of the Society's practices during the past year. A letter was then read from Mr. L. Mallory tendering his resignation as Superintendent, as his private connections now would prevent his being able to be present in the event of a typhoon. The report for the past year was then read, which showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, and so far as funds are concerned with a balance to the credit of \$274.24. A letter was also read from the Secretary of the Royal Humane Society in England, in which it was announced that any recommendation from the

Magistrate, Christian, who will occupy the chair at the festival of the Hospital for Women, to be held at Willis's Rooms this evening.

A Ministerial announcement has been made in the Upper House of the Portuguese Cortes, contradicting the report that the Russian and Portuguese Governments had agreed upon a mutual line of action with reference to the matter in dispute with China. (See *China Mail*—Yokohama March 21, Shanghai 26, Foochow 23, Hongkong 31.) The French mail, with the advice dated as above, was delivered, ex. Naples, on the 3rd instant, two days early. There are no later news from Japan, ex. San Francisco. The next inward mail was despatched from Alexandria for Brindisi, per P. & O. steamer *Pav*, yesterday, twelve hours in advance of its due date.

A new steamer, of 3,000 tons burthen,

has been launched by Messrs Caird and Co., and is named the *Rohilla*, which is 384 feet in length, and forty feet in beam. The attempt on the *Kwangtung*, which was made eighteen months ago, will be the subject of a trial and sentence.

The following officers for the ensuing year were then elected:—Mr. A. Wohlert an Superintendent and Foreman of the Eastern District, Mr. Mallory resigned; Mr. J. R. White, Foreman of the Western District, and Mr. Caldwell as Treasurer. The remaining officers as well as the Committee consented to remain another year in office. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Barr for his invaluable services to the society during the period he held the office of Hon. Treasurer. Four new members were elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

CAPTAIN FRANCIS STIRLING, R.N., the officer in command of the missing training ship *Alatana*, served as midshipman and mate in the *Sao Parei* during the China War of 1857-8, and took part with the Naval Brigade, in the assault, capture and occupation of Canton, (metal and chase). He returned to England in 1859, and was again ordered to join the China squadron in January 1874, when he was appointed to the command of the *Thistle*, gun vessel, in succession to Commander Lost. After serving with the *Thistle* in the China Seas, he returned to England in 1859, and was again ordered to join the China squadron in January 1874, when he was appointed to the command of the *Thistle*, gun vessel, in succession to Commander Lost. After serving with the *Thistle* in the China Seas, he returned to England in 1859, and was again ordered to join the China squadron in January 1874, when he was appointed to the command of the *Thistle*, gun vessel, in succession to Commander Lost. 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## Intimations.

## THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries* on China and Japan, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

The CHINA REVIEW, or Notes and Queries on the Far East, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at £6.50 postage paid, per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago and "the Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a resume in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes," broad references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries; there are also those series which though adding information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The China Review for July and August, 1875, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a state. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty-paged, bi-monthly, repertory of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address China Review, Hongkong.—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.)

*Trübner's Oriental Record* contains the following notice of the China Review:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries* on China and Japan, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number of letters before and after it, is destined to occupy a position in regard to China somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *She King*, by the Rev. E. J. Eitel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connection with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are included, both accurate and interesting, of style, and an account of the career of the Chinese post-treasurer of the eleventh century, Su Tung-yo, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine."

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